ARQULE INC Form 8-K December 23, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 19, 2008

ARQULE, INC.

(Exact Name of Issuer as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-21429 (Commission File Number) **04-3221586** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

19 Presidential Way

Woburn, MA

(Address of principal executive offices)

01801

(Zip code)

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(781) 994-0300

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Section 8 Other Events
Item 8.01 Other Events.
On December 19, 2008, ArQule, Inc. (the Registrant) announced that Roche notified the Registrant of its intention not to exercise its option to license the E2F program. Pursuant to the terms of the Roche agreement, Roche has until December 31, 2008 to exercise its option, and, if it has not done so, Roche s rights to develop and commercialize potential drugs under the agreement will terminate as of the end of the year.
A copy of the Registrant s December 19, 2008 press release announcing an update of its early-stage pipeline is filed as exhibit 99.1 to this report and is incorporated herein by reference.
Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits
Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(d) Exhibits.
99.1 Text of Press Release announcing the Registrant s Update on Early-Stage Pipeline, dated December 19, 2008.
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ARQULE, INC. (Registrant)

/s/ Peter S. Lawrence Peter S. Lawrence President and Chief Operating Officer

December 22, 2008